वर्षासिंचित भूमि की उत्पादक क्षमता को बढ़ाया जा सके । राष्ट्रीय दलहन विकास परियोजना, तिलहन उत्पादन कार्यक्रम और चावल, मक्का तथा कदन्नों के लिए विशेष खाद्यान्न उत्पादन कार्यक्रम के वर्षासिंचित संबंधी घटक जैसी कई अन्य परियोजनाएं भी इन फसलों के संबंध वर्षासिंचित उत्पादन प्रौद्योगिकियों के विस्तार के संवर्धन में सहायता करती हैं ।

Dumping of Iron Ore dust at Curchorem (Goa)

188. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of health hazards posed by dumping of Iron Ore dust at Curchorem city in Goa by the Railways in their storage yard for last several years for transportation to Mormugao Harbour;

(b) if so, since when this Ore has been lying there; and

(c) whether Government proopse to shift the storage yard from the city to a non-residential area or the said Iron Ore would be dumped at the harbour itself?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRl C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a; The Government of Goa had some years ago raised the question of shifting] of Iron Ore stacking yard on grounds of environmental pollution.

(b) The stacking yard is a transit dump for transporting ore from railway wagons to- barges.

(c) No, for (he Government of Goa have dropped the proposal.

Modification in cornprehv 'sive crop Insurance scheme

*189. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government* propose to modify the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme so that there is reasonable relation between the premium paid by the farmers and the relief provided by the Centre and States in the event of crop failure;

(b) whether there has been any demand to include more crops under the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, demands have been made from time to time for including more crops under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (COS). These demands are in respect of fruit and horticultural crops, cotton, coconut, sugarcane, betel leaves, jute and some vegetables such as potato. In view of the heavy expenditure being incurred by Central and State Governments in running the Scheme it has not been found feasible to include any other crop under the CCIS for the present.

*19. *[Transferred to 1st August* 1991]

Rehabilitation of cyclone affected handloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh

*191. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the proposals for rehabilitation of handloom weavers affected by the cyclone in May 1990 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what are the details of the proposals and the cost thereof; and

(c) whether the proposals have been taken up for execution?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had submitted a Contingency Action Plan for relief and restoration of various sectors including rehabilitation of handloom weavers affected by the cyclone b May, 1990 in Andhra Pradesh. This